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1. [REDACTED] editor and publisher of a German language newspaper published in the US. This editor receives a considerable amount of information concerning conditions in both areas of Germany from newspapers of all zones, correspondence, etc.
2. In a recent issue of his paper there was featured a detailed description of the armament industry in Poland. One of the items was a report that there were 107 Soviet engineers and technicians in Stalowa Wola in the center of Sandomir industrial district in Poland. These engineers were reported engaged in supervising production of 15 cm anti-aircraft guns with radar sights. The Soviet engineers and technicians were reported sent in to speed up production of this equipment. The guns are said to be motorized and to feature automatic loading. They are reportedly adaptations of German World War anti-aircraft guns.
3. During World War II [REDACTED] the 105 mm was the only gun which had automatic loading devices. None of the other models had such equipment.
4. The automatic loading feature provided tremendous fire power as it operated very rapidly. The 105 mm had an effective range of up to 12 thousand meters.
5. According to the report featured in the German language newspaper the Poles are currently manufacturing 150 mm guns but I believe this must be a typographical error. One hundred fifty millimeter would have higher range but would require complete re-designing of the automatic loading equipment.

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6. As far as the use of radar sights is concerned, until the very last stages of World War II [REDACTED] anti-aircraft units did not receive radar sighting equipment, however, I presume the equipment made in Poland undoubtedly does have this development.

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[Available on loan from the CIA library is copy of clipping from German-American newspaper referred to above. It features reported production of armament at Lublin, Swinemunde, Deichow, Jaworzno, and Oppeln.]

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